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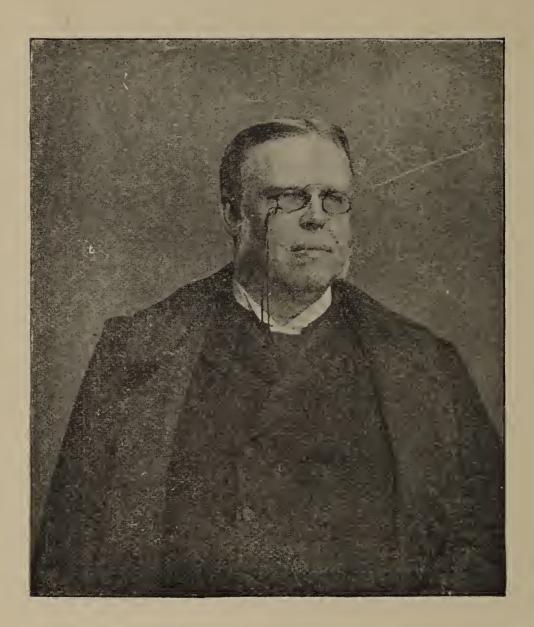
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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of The American Purity Alliance was held on Monday, January 23, 1899, an afternoon and an evening session, at the "Isaac T. Hopper Home," No. 110 Second Avenue, New York. The President, AARON M. POWELL, presided. The Annual Report was read by Mrs. ANNA RICE POWELL, Corresponding Secretary, and adopted, and is published herewith. The Treasurer's Report, as presented, read and audited, is published on page 24.

Letters were received, and read by Mrs. NAOMI LAWTON DAVIS, Recording Secretary, from Bishop McVICKAR, of Rhode Island, Miss GRACE H. DODGE, Rev. Dr. W. W. ATTERBURY, Mrs. C. R. LOWELL, JOSIAH W. LEEDS, of Philadelphia, Dr. O. EDWARD JANNEY, of Baltimore, CHARLES D. KELLOGG, ESq., of the Charity Organization Society, JOSHUA L. BAILY, of Philadelphia, SAMUEL MARSHALL, of Milwaukee, Wis., H. B. WYETH, ESq., of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. W. C. STITT, of the Seaman's Friend Society, and others. A telegram of greeting and sympathy was received and read from Rev. ANNA GARLIN SPENCER, of Providence, R. I. Bishop McVickar wrote :

LETTER FROM THE RT. REV. W. N. MCVICKAR, D. D.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 19, 1899.

My DEAR MR. POWELL :

I wish it were possible for me to be at the Annual Meeting of The American Purity Alliance on the 23d instant and to add what little weight my presence might possess to its success. I hope it will be a large and enthusiastic meeting, and that its voice may be heard over the length and breadth of the land. Never was there a time, I believe, when the subject of social purity needed to be more constantly pushed than at the present time. Much has been accomplished in the past, for which we may thank God, but with our thanks should go out renewed purposes of vigilance and work. Never let us rest until the *Single Standard* of Morality is accepted, alike for the man and woman. * * *

With warmest regards and best wishes, 1 remain,

Yours very truly,

W. N. MCVICKAR.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily congratulate our European co-workers of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, and the friends of purity in our own country, upon the encouraging progress of the past year, as indicated by the late International Congress held in London, and we earnestly commend to our American co-laborers the importance of the work of the Federation for the promotion of the Abolition of State-sanctioned Vice in all lands, and to the end that its introduction may be prevented on this side of the Atlantic.

2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully and earnestly ask the attention of President McKinley. as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, and also of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, to the late official "Army Memorandum," issued by Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army. for the promotion of the moral and physical welfare of British soldiers, wherein he says: "Officers should do their utmost to promote a cleanly and moral tone amongst the men, and to ensure that all rowdyism and obscenity in word and action is kept in check;" and we hereby urgently request that a kindred General Order on Army Morality may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the American Army to its officers, for the promotion of the moral and physical health of the men of our own enlarged army and navy.

3. Resolved, That we greatly deplore the election from the

State of Utah of Brigham H. Roberts, a defender of polygamy and the reputed husband of several wives, as a Representative to our National Congress, and we urge all good citizens and friends of purity, men and women, to protest with emphasis, in the interest of public morality, against his recognition as a member of the House of Representatives.

4. *Resolved*. That we appeal earnestly to pastors, churches, young people's religious societies, and Sunday Schools, to faithfully use every available opportunity, in all proper ways, by the living voice and judicious literature, to inculcate the wisdom and duty of chastity and purity of life.

5. *Resolved*. That we ask all members and friends of The American Purity Alliance to make special efforts to extend the circulation, and consequent educational influence for purity, of its Quarterly. THE PHILANTHROPIST, and of its leaflet and pamphlet literature, as an efficient means of enlightening and guiding aright public opinion concerning the repression of vice, the promotion of purity and a high, equal standard of morals for both sexes.

The officers of 1898, as given on pages 3 and 4, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Addresses were given at the evening session, successively, by the President, AARON M. POWELL; Mrs. MARIANA W. CHAPMAN, President of the N. Y. State Woman Suffrage Association, subject: "The New Militarism and Purity;" Rev. W. T. SABINE, D. D., Rev. ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL, Rev. S. S. SEWARD, and SAMUEL C. BLACKWELL, Esq., and brief remarks by RUTH S. MURRAY, of the Society of Friends, and Mrs. SARAH BURGER STEARNS, of California.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

The year 1898 will be memorable in the history of the Purity reform, as of the nation, on account of the new conditions and enlarged responsibilities accompanying, and resulting from, the war with Spain. While the war continued the popular excitement attending it diverted attention largely from all philanthropic and humane work not immediately connected with the soldiers and their families, and from the things which make for peace and purity. The year closes with an increasing realization on the part of the thoughtful of what is inevitably involved for social conditions in our national life by the assumed guardianship of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, tropical islands with millions of natives, mainly ignorant and morally in a very low estate, to be, at least temporarily, under the control of our enlarged army and navy.

Much valuable educational work has been accomplished during the year by the American Purity Alliance through its literature, and meetings and conferences addressed by its representatives. There has been, also, gratifying progress in European countries in the important work of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice.

THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

An important event of the year in the work of the International Federation, with which the American Purity Alliance co-operates, was the holding of an International Congress in London in July last. At this Congress the Alliance was represented by its President and Corresponding Secretary, also by two of its Vice Presidents, Mrs. Andrew and Dr. Bushnell, of Illinois. Besides England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, delegates were in attendance from France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Russia, India, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Among them were a larger number than at any previous Congress of Continental women, and a deputation of earnest, consecrated young men. The special occasion for the summoning of this Congress in London was the revival of regulation propagandism in England, together with the re-introduction of regulation in connection with the British Army in India. The deliberations of the Congress were impressive, weighty, and influential in arresting the untoward reactionary tendency. At the conclusion of the Congress the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

RESOLUTIONS.

First.—That this Congress asserts its absolute condemnation of the principle of the State Regulation of Prostitution in whatever form and under whatever name it may exist or be introduced or revived; and records its profound satisfaction in seeing gathered together the representatives of so many different countries of the world to strengthen the Abolitionist movement, and to join in the condemnation of the system which the Federation will continue with all its strength to oppose.

Second. - This Congress, in view of the Repeal of the Indian

prohibitive Act of 1895, and of the liberty thus given to the authorities in India to restore the late condemned Cantonment regulations and practices, and, having regard to the recent circular of the Indian Government, stating explicitly their policy in this respect, expresses its conviction that in spite of certain warnings and professions on the part of the Home Government of England the principles of the State Regulation of Prostitution are now again in force in India; and expresses the hope that every effort will be made, by arousing the public conscience in England and in India, to obtain the complete and final abolition of any system based on these principles.

Third.—That this Congress, while observing with gratitude many signs of the growing acceptance in the public mind of the principles which the Federation has maintained for so many years, wishes emphatically to record its conviction that no radically good or lasting result can be obtained so long as, side by side with any suggested moralizing influences, the deadly teaching of the State Regulation of Prostitution is allowed to exist.

OTHER MEETINGS IN ENGLAND.

The President of the Alliance also attended and addressed, by invitation, the Annual Meeting of the Ladies' National Association, held in Exeter Hall, and presided over by Mrs. Josephine Butler; the Annual Meeting of the London Social Purity Alliance, held in Westminster Town Hall, and presided over by the Archdeacon of London; the Annual Meeting of the National Vigilance Association, held in Exeter Hall, and presided over by J. Compton Rickett, M. P.; and a session of the Executive Committee of the Friends' Association for Abolishing State Regulation of Vice, held in Devonshire House. This Committee adopted the following minute, and forwarded it to the Alliance Executive Committee, New York:

At a meeting of the Committee of the Friends' Association for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, held at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate street, London, Sept. 1, 1898: 10th Minute.—We are favored at this time with the acceptable company of our friends, AARON M. and ANNA R. POWELL, delegates from the AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE to the recent Congress held in London.

We desire to convey through them to the New York Committee a message of cordial greeting and an assurance of our appreciation of the services rendered by their delegates. Their wise and eloquent words added much to the value and dignity of the deliberations of the Congress.

We would express the belief that the stimulus given to our work by the hopeful tone of the Congress utterances and by the evidence of the spread of our principles in many directions, will encourage us to go forward without fear or flinching towards the great end we have in view, namely, the abolition of State regulation of vice wheresoever it may exist the world over; and the creating of wiser counsels amongst military and medical men for the prevention of the social evils they and we deplore, rather than those now promoted, involving as they do the demoralization of men and the degradation of women.

(Signed)

ALFRED WRIGHT, Chairman of Committee. MARIA RICHARDSON, Hon. Sec. Women's Committee. MAURICE GREGORY, Sec'y to the Association.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

The first of the meetings, under the auspices of the American Purity Alliance, during 1898, was its Twenty-second Annual Meeting, held January 25, afternoon and evening, at the "Isaac T. Hopper Home."

By invitation of the Philanthropic Committee of Westbury Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, of which Harry A. Hawkins, of the Alliance Executive Committee, is Chairman, and Mary W. Albertson, of Westbury, L. I., is Secretary, at a largely attended meeting, held January 29, in Friends' Meeting House, Fifteenth street and Rutherfurd Place, New York, Anna Rice Powell, the Corresponding Secretary, read a paper upon "The Present Aspects of the Purity Movement," and brief addresses were made by Dr. O. Edward Janney, of Baltimore, a Vice President of the Alliance, Mary Travilla, of Westchester, Pa., and Aaron M. Powell, President.

In February, Anna Rice Powell, Corresponding Secretary, by invitation, read a paper upon State Regulation of Vice, before the Student's Club of the Woman's Medical College of New York, founded by Doctors Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell. There was a large attendance of members and friends of the Club, and much interest was manifested.

At a largely attended Conference of Friends' Union for Philanthropic Labor, representing seven Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Richmond, Indiana, in August last, Dr. O. Edward Janney, of Baltimore, a Vice President of the American Purity Alliance, presented, very effectively, the subject of Purity. It was further discussed by Mariana W. Chapman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Martha Schofield, of South Carolina, a Vice President of the Alliance.

In October, under the auspices of the Executive Committee, a Conversazione, attended by members and friends of the American Purity Alliance, was held in the United Charities Building, New York, at which some account was given by the Alliance delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, of the London Congress of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice. Rev. W. T. Sabine, D. D., a Vice President, presided, and heartily welcomed and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Powell upon their safe return from England, and referred with gratitude to their having been unexpectedly transferred at the last moment to the Cunard steamer *Servia*, after having held, for several weeks, tickets for their homeward passage by the ill-fated *Mohegan*, wrecked, with great loss of life, off the south coast of England. Among those present were men and women well known in connection with philanthropic and religious work in New York and vicinity.

In November, in behalf of the Alliance, Mr. and Mrs. Powell attended and addressed a series of meetings to give some account of the London Congress of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, and of the present outlook of the Purity movement in Europe and America. The first was held at Westchester, Pa., in the spacious meeting room of the Young Friends' Association, Mary Travilla presiding; the second at Swarthmore, Pa., including among those in attendance the President of Swarthmore College and members of the Friends' Committee on Philanthropic Labor, by whom the invitations were extended ; the third in Philadelphia, in the Fifteenth and Race street Friends' Meeting House, Mary H. Whitson presiding ; and the fourth at Trenton, N. J., in the Friends' Meeting House, Dr. Laura H. Satterthwaite presiding. These meetings were well attended, and much interest was manifested.

INDIA WOMEN AND GIRLS.

In view of the revival of State Regulation of Vice in India, in connection with the British Army, and of the appointment of Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India, and in response to a request from English co-workers for our co-operation in their repeal efforts, the Executive Committee of the American. Purity Alliance, at its October meeting, adopted the following appeal to Lady Curzon, the American wife of the new Viceroy :

NEW YORK, October 4, 1898.

LADY CURZON.

Dear Madam : The Executive Committee of the American Purity Alliance in co-operative relations with The International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, desires, in the interest of purits and especially in behalf of exposed and dependent Indian women and girls, the abolition of Government Regulation of vice in connection with the British Army in India.

The Committee, having noted the appointment of your honored husband as Viceroy of India, and that together you are soon to officially reside in that country, venture to ask your attention, as an American woman, to the pathetic situation and urgent needs of the women and girls of the Indian Cantonments.

If merely suspected of, or charged with, maintaining immoral relations with British soldiers, they are, under the present legal regulations, greatly exposed to official wrong and outrage.

In their behalf we bespeak for them your sympathetic consideration, and earnestly ask that, in such manner as may seem practicable and appropriate, you will so use the great influence which it will be within your power to exert, in connection with that of your husband, with India Legislators and officials, as to promote the abolition of legal regulations involving thus the moral ruin of womanhood and girlhood, and all State regulation of vice in connection with British soldiers in India. The Committee make this appeal to you also in behalf of the soldiers ; and have learned with much satisfaction and encouragement of the late General Order on Army morality issued by the distinguished Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.

With assurance of much esteem,

(Signed) In behalf of the Executive Committee of The American Purity Alliance,

NAOMI LAWTON DAVIS, Recording Secretary. AARON M. POWELL,

President.

The reintroduction of State regulation of vice in India called forth, in March last, an exceptionally important memorial, numerously signed by British women physicians, addressed to Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, protesting, on scientific and sanitary grounds, against the regulation system. It is gratifying to note among the signatures of medical women to this most effective, weighty and conclusive protest, the valued names of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, widely known and honored in America, Dr. Agnes McLaren, a niece of John Bright, and a long time devoted and efficient co-worker with Mrs. Butler, and among the younger women physicians, Helen M. Wilson, M. D., daughter of Henry J. Wilson, M. P., and Mrs. Wilson, of Sheffield, and Dr. Dorethea Caine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Caine, of London.

ARMY MORALITY.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, Lord Wolseley, in April last, issued a General Order on Army Morality which marks a new era in army life, and is a most encouraging sign of progress. He says in part :

"Officers should do their utmost to promote a cleanly and moral tone among the men, and to insure that all rowdyism and obscenity in word or action is kept in check. In no circumstances should public acts or expressions of indecency be tolerated. All persons implicated in acts of immorality in barracks or other buildings, under the control of the military authorities, should be punished with the utmost severity, whatever may be their rank or position in the service."

This is the first official military order of its kind bearing specifically upon the subject of Army morality. It is undoubtedly one result of its agitation by the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice.

At the meeting of members and friends of the American Purity Alliance, held in the United Charities Building in October, Samuel C. Blackwell read Lord Wolseley's Army Memorandum, and offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Army Memorandum, dated April 28, 1898, issued by Lord Wolesley from the English War Office as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of Great Britain, to his official subordinates, and presented to Parliament by command of the Queen, is a profoundly gratifying evidence of a desire to promote a high standard of maniy self control among the soldiery of England.

Its wise instructions must tend to encourage every effort to establish and maintain throughout the Service an honorable, useful personal life, and to make the spread of English power beneficial to mankind.

The Secretary of the American Purity Alliance is requested to transmit this Resolution of respectful and cordial appreciation to Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.

In response to this resolution, forwarded by the Corresponding Secretary, to LORD WOLSELEY, concerning his General Order on Army Morality, the following courteous acknowledgment was received:

WAR OFFICE, London, S. W., Nov. 9, 1898.

DEAR MADAM:

I am desired by Lord WOLSELEY to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of your letter and enclosure of the 25th ult., and to say His Lordship deeply appreciates and is most grateful for the high compliment paid him by your most useful Society.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY A. WELDON, Capt., A. D. C. To Mrs. Anna Rice Powell.

APPEAL TO PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

The following important appeal to President McKinley concerning army immorality, signed by officers of the Alliance and others, was forwarded to the President in August last, while the war was still in progress:

To the President of the United States—Honored and Esteemed Friend:

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States, we address you concerning a question which vitally affects the welfare physically, mentally and morally, of the men who have enlisted in the army service. We are credibly informed that when our soldiers went into Tampa, there went at the same time three hundred immoral women, and that to Jacksonville, following the army, went seven car loads of the same. It is therefore probable that following our troops in all camps will be this "Sodom of sin," entailing its dire results. We certainly have a duty to these young soldiers sent out into the fighting world; and while we know there are several times as many men who are old and willing partners in the vice of these women to make them possible, we appeal for thousands of young men who have gone out from pure homes in innocence and virtue, and who may say, with that stripling in India, "They expect us to be bad and we are bad." We therefore beg that

you will do all in your power to stamp out this hydraheaded serpent from army quarters, and we believe that in this effort you will have the co-operation of the best officers in the service, and the commendation of every right minded man and woman in the United States.

(Mrs.) CORNELIA C. HUSSEY,

State Vice Pres. Purity Alliance. (Mrs.) ELIZABETH GAY, *Ex. Com. Purity Alliance.* (Mrs.) NAOMI LAWTON DAVIS, *Ex. Com. Purity Alliance.* EMILY BLACKWELL, M. D., *Ex. Com. Purity Alliance.* MARY WOOD ALLEN, M. D. (Mrs.) MARIANA W. CHAPMAN.

There is much concurrent testimony as to the deplorable prevalence of vice on the part of the least reputable portion of the army in connection with camp life the past Summer. The subject of army morality assumes increasing importance in view of the exposure involved for our enlarged army and navy, detailed for service among the largely ignorant and immoral natives of the tropical islands, to be for a time at least under their control.

INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT.

At the October meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Purity Alliance the following minute was adopted, and subsequently forwarded to Emperor Nicholas, the Czar of Russia :

The Executive Committee of The American Purity Alliance hail with much satisfaction the profoundly important declaration of the Czar of Russia in favor of International Disarmament, and his opportune proposal of an International Conference for its consideration. The Committee hold that great armies and navies create and foster abnormal social conditions, as well as impose onerous economic burdens, and that International Disarmament would greatly lessen the temptations to social vice, involving the ruin of womanhood and girlhood and the degradation of manhood. Especially important would be the restoration of the millions of military men to an industrious, virtuous home life.

The Committee would express to the Czar their most grateful appreciation of the high and humane ideal which his message outlines, and their earnest hope that his proposal for an International Conference may be heartily welcomed and acted upon by the different nationalties addressed.

LITERATURE.

Literature is a most valuable agency for the promotion of the important mission of The American Purity Alliance. THE PHILANTHROPIST, and the valuable series of leaflets and pamphlets, covering the various aspects of the Purity movement, penetrate where the living voice cannot reach. Thousands of pages have been disseminated the past year. Some have found their way among the exposed and needy soldiers in the various camps. We have most gratifying testimony of their educational value and helpfulness. Much more ought to be and might be done in this direction with more money to use for literature distribution.

THREATENED DANGER.

As this report closes we are advised by Mrs. Butler of an International Medical Conference, which is being arranged for, to be held in Brussels, Belgium, in the early part of September, 1899, "to discuss various social and hygienic matters in relation to Venereal Diseases." It will undertake "to establish the Medical basis of the measures to be taken," and to cause "these Medical measures to enter into the region of Law if possible, and to make them to be applied conformably with Law." To this important International Conference only Doctors are to be invited, "who, in each country, have acquired special competence in this matter, and such Juriconsults and Functionaries attached to public administration as shall be considered useful in the question." It is also "hoped that the work of the Conference so prepared will furnish to the authorities of every country the basis for all the measures to be taken against the propagation of syphilis." It is announced that "the support of all the scientific celebrities of Europe and America is already assured."

The announcement of this International Conference is the occasion of a new anxiety for Mrs. Butler and other of our friends and co-workers, English and Continental, of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice. It will be seen that we in America are also involved in whatever it may do. Though the preliminary document from which we quote does not directly state it, a plain inference from its terms is that the proposed Conference is really intended to prepare the way for an International Regulation system, a plan which medical and other propagandists of Regulation have in the past unsuccessfully advocated.

There are also indications that we may presently be confronted with the Regulation problem in the sphere of congressional legislation, as pertaining to our enlarged army and navy.

OBITUARY.

The Purity movement, on both sides of the Atlan tic, has sustained great losses by death the past year.

The death of the Right Honorable Sir JAMES STANSFELD, which occurred at Rotherfield, Sussex, England, February 17th, is a very great loss to the cause of purity, and to the work of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice in all countries. Mr. Stansfield, who presided at the first International Congress to promote the abolition of State Regulation of Vice, in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1877, and was the first president of the Federation, was a man of marked ability, an exceptionally eloquent, effective speaker, of large influence in public affairs, widely known and greatly esteemed. He was many years a member of Parliament, and formerly a member of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet. He was an able, fearless champion of the rights of women, and was the Parliamentary leader during the prolonged and finally successful struggle for the repeal of the odious C. D. Acts. He had long been one of Mrs. BUTLER's most valued and intimate co-workers, and his death at this critical juncture, with the reactionary tendency in England, is most keenly felt by her.

FRANCES E. WILLARD, whose death occurred in New York, February 18th, was a woman of rare natural endowments, cultivated, exceptionally gifted with voice and pen, with remarkable power, seldom if ever equalled in any country, by women or men, for organization. Her crowning glory in history will be, that with an attractive literary career open before her in early life, with all the accompaniaments of refinement and culture attendant thereon, she preferred to turn aside and consecrate her powers to the service of humanity, in connection with unpopular reforms. She will be remembered as having been especially influential in her advocacy of temperance, suffrage for women and purity, or, as she was wont to phrase it, "a White Life for two." In connection with her great numerical following of women, and her widely extended influence with men as well, she helped largely to extend popular interest in and sympathy with the cause of purity, and an equal standard of morals for both men and women.

In June last, SARAH H. PEIRCE, of Philadelphia, a member of the General Council of the American Purity Alliance, and for many years one of our most valued friends and co-workers, passed on to the larger life beyond. We shall henceforth greatly miss her helpful co-operation in many ways. By the timely, judicious spoken word, and by the faithful use of appropriate literature she did much, in quiet ways, to make the spirit and scope of the Purity movement widely and favorably known, and to enlist the sympathy and aid of others in its behalf.

Mrs. MARY T. BURT, president for nearly two decades of the New York State Woman's Christian Temperance Union, died at her late residence in New York, April 29. Mrs. Burt had also been for many years in sympathetic and co-operative relations with our work for the promotion of purity and the better protection of the young of both sexes. In her last annual address she spoke strongly against State regulation of vice, and at her instance the State W. C. T. U. adopted a strong resolution against it. She was a gifted, able speaker.

On August 1st, Mrs. C. M. McClung, of Knox-

ville, Tenn., died at Saratoga, N. Y. She was deeply interested in the work of the American Purity Alliance, and a generous helper therein. She was also active and influential in movements to secure equal opportunities for women, political, educational, and industrial, and did much, by material help and personal service, to improve the condition of the poor and lowly. She will be greatly missed by her bereaved husband and daughters, and a large circle of warmly attached friends.

BEQUESTS.

The American Purity Alliance is duly incorporated, and is therefore legally qualified to receive, hold and use property, money and real estate. We commend to those blessed with the means to bequeathe, this method of continuing helpful service for the promotion of Purity after having passed on to the larger life. The following is a suitable form of bequest, to be incorporated in any will, or added thereto as a codicil :

FORM OF BEQUEST.

CO-OPERATION.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of those who have given us generous co-operation, by subscriptions and otherwise, in the work of the Alliance the past year. We bespeak its continuance to the end that the yet unfulfilled mission of the Alliance may still be prosecuted for the repression of vice, the promotion of chaste, pure living, and a high, equal standard of morals alike for men and women.

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THE LONDON CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE ABOLITION OF STATE REGULATION OF VICE.

By Mrs. ANNA RICE POWELL.

No one, I think, can attend a Congress of the International Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice, as a participator in its deliberations, without being burdened with an added sense of responsibility to extend a knowledge of its important mission.

It was not with the éclat of popular support that the London Congress met in July last, but rather in the spirit of those who realize that they have undertaken a mighty task with tremendous obstacles to overcome.

Even the large reception the first evening, given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomasson, in the rooms of the Royal Society of British Artists, a most generous contribution to the Congress, partook something of this gravity in devoting a part of the time to the formal address of the President, the Rev. Mr. Pierson, of Holland. Mrs. Thomasson is the daughter of Margaret Bright Lucas, of honored memory in this country as in her own.

There was not the resistance of open criticism by the Press, but the timidity of silence. Even the religious papers, with some few exceptions, gave no help in spreading the principles of the Federation. Yet English men and women were there whose names will be honored in history after they are gone, for the noble,

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unselfish service they are giving to redeem England from its social perils.

It was cheering to note the undaunted faith and good courage our English co-workers maintain under the present discouragements with which they are confronted, in the retrogade action in India, and the threatened revival of the C. D. Acts in their midst. They waste no strength on regrets, but press right onward with steady zeal and English pluck. Mrs. Butler said, "I am never discouraged," and her bearing illustrated the sincerity of her words. Fortified with the patience of the true reformer, as early as 1875, she wrote to a friend: "God in his wisdom may not design that the battle should be a short one. How often have we said to each other that it involves far deeper issues, that it embraces questions far more vital and profound, than any of us at first perceived or dreamed of. I think we all see this now. We see that the grave nature of the principles at stake must affect the future of the human race. No impatient spirit is fit for such a work as ours."

The Right Hon. Sir James Stansfeld's death is keenly felt. As the parliamentary leader in the old contest and a man of commanding power he was a great support.

Mr. H. J. Wilson and Prof. James Stuart, the present parliamentary leaders are men of marked ability and fearlessness. Their untiring, unselfish service cannot be too warmly commended. I cannot mention in detail the delegates from France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Russia, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, India, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. I wish I might quote more from their reports. Countess Hogendorp, from Holland, reminded us that in 1883 there was no Association there, but now it numbered in the whole country 5000. I could but recall sitting by her side in the Congress of 1883 which was held at the Hague, as Mrs. Butler made one of her impressive addresses in the opening session. She had never before heard a woman speak in public, and I felt she had been profoundly moved. This year she herself was entrusted with the report from Holland and gave it very effectively. There were more women delegates than ever before from the Continent, and this was encouraging, for Continental women have much more to contend with than others in espousing the cause. The reports, especially from Germany, Belgium and Austria, showed how the question of equality and human rights, as between the sexes, was involved in the agitation of the Federation principles. They involve not only the woman question but the labor problem also. Mr. Madison, an English parliamentary representative of the working man's interest, in an effective speech, said that where the regulation system touches one woman in the middle class it touches hundreds and thousands of the working class, and they denounced it as an abominable piece of class legislation.

Mrs. Butler's broad charity was manifested by her introducing the noted socialist, Louise Michel, of Paris, to the audience, during one of the sessions; saying as she did so, that some might think her heart was too large, but it could not be too large, and she bespoke a hearing for her as a woman of many sorrows. Louise Michel came forward, her resolute and storm-beaten face softened by the kindness, and briefly thanked the Federation for taking up the cause of the "disinherited," especially of the disinherited women of the world. With much earnestness she affirmed that the regulation of prostitution was no more right, or even possible, than the regulation of murder, and death was far better than life under the regulation system. When she returned to her seat, this embittered woman wept.

A goodly company of earnest, Continental young men as delegates, some being new adherents, was very gratifying, especially as the visible marks of the feebleness of age on some of the pioneers suggested their need of strong recruits to lean upon in the hard work to come. Though so many countries were represented, the delegates were mostly workers who, in their special localities, stand very much alone in upholding the principles of the Federation. The progress reported from any one country seemed to be shared by all in the feeling that it was a common cause, a truly international struggle. It was a "comradeship of minorities," akin to that of which Col. Higginson writes in a recent number of the *Outlook*, in describing the early days of our American anti-slavery agitation.

Mlle. Vidart, of Switzerland, said: "The whole future of civilization depended on the solution of this question, for the whole world was concerned in it. The solidarity of the human race was a grand and divine law; it was also a terrible law, the full meaning of which was only beginning to dawn."

One session was devoted to the consideration of the bearing of State Regulation of Vice upon missionary labor in foreign lands. Rev. J. P. Gledstone, who will be remembered as one who was delegated to this country,

with Mr. H. J. Wilson, M. P., in 1876, to warn us of our danger, presided over this session. In his opening remarks he said that the question would be so treated as not to trench upon any one's religious belief. The Federation crusade had been so conducted that people of all religions, and no religion, could join it. There was a devotional meeting held each morning at nine o'clock, but it was not announced as a part of the Congress. Mrs. Butler attended these meetings and led most of them. It was a privilege to share in the genuine spirit of consecration which she invoked, and to see how implicitly she trusts in a Divine Power to guide and sustain her in her lifework. It was touching, in view of what she has had to bear from the trouble and embarrassment caused by those who should have been a strength rather than a hindrance in this crisis, to hear her counsel patience, and that the unbounded love be kept uppermost. She said she spoke as to those of the inner circle and probably to most for the last time. Her voice is too feeble now to make itself heard in a large room, and it would seem that her strength would hardly endure much more severe labor. But so we thought as we parted from her two years ago, after the Berne Congress in Switzerland. A pleasing feature of these devotional meetings to an American delegate, was the singing of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mrs. Butler selected it as an opening, inspiring note for each meeting, and had copies printed on slips to pass around.

One session of the Congress was devoted to an informal conference of women only, where questions were freely asked and answered. Among others the question of mixed meetings was presented. The testimony was borne that men and women must learn these sacred lessons in each others presence; that such meetings have now almost entirely superceded meetings of men or women apart, on the ground that they excel in gravity, steadfastness of aim and general uplifting thought. Mrs. H. J. Wilson, who was among the first to stand by Mrs. Butler's side on a public platform, presided over this session.

The perils of militarism as affecting social morality were emphasized by several delegates. Helen Bright Clarke, a worthy daughter of John Bright, spoke with much earnestness upon it. This was felt keenly by us as Americans, remembering how suddenly its threatening portent had fallen upon our own beloved country, imposing new responsibilities and grave dangers.

There were cheering evidences given that the moral power of the movement is being felt in various ways, and that its profound significance is better comprehended. One gratifying echo of it in England may be noted in the fact that a recent official memorandum on Army morality has been issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, Lord Wolseley. It is an appeal to officers to do their utmost to promote a cleanly and moral tone among the soldiers, many of whom are mere lads, with a warning against the physical penalties resulting from unchastity. As Prof. Stuart said, this circular might have been issued from a Purity association. It reflects a new note in public opinion. It is the first time in military circles that just such an appeal to the better impulses of manhood has been thus officially made; but instead it has been assumed that chastity was unattainable, and therefore the demand for the legalized provision for immorality. The regulation system is based on this assumption. It is said that the Regulationists, in their efforts to revive the C. D. Acts, have so magnified and exaggerated the physical results of immorality in the army that it has become more difficult to secure the better class of recruits for the military service, and something had to be done. But whatever the motive that prompts the circular, it is to be heralded as a mark of progress. In the interest of tempted manhood a well as victimized womanhood we may rejoice in it, and let us hope that the same moral appeal may be tried in *civil* life where regulationists are wont to insist on the pessimistic attitude of disbelief in the possible purity of men.

Thus is the influence of this International Federation in behalf of justice and morality extended as an educational force. If the efforts that have been made to regulate debauchery could have been directed to the encouragement of chastity, and inspiring faith in the possibility of maintaining it, what a different social state might have been realized!

The Ladies' National Association arranged to hold their annual meeting one evening. The commodious Friends' Meeting House, with its many committee rooms, was freely granted for the use of the Congress, but the Ladies' National gathering met in the large Exeter Hall which is associated with many stirring historic events. Mrs. Butler was present and sat in the chair of the presiding officer, but Prof. Stuart performed the duties for her. At the close of the meeting, according to English custom, a vote of thanks was passed to the

presiding officer. As Mrs. Butler rose to respond, all on the large platform rose with her, and stood, as she said, in voice too feeble to be heard by many: "I cannot make a speech in Exeter Hall; I am too old. I will only say one thing. In the name and in the strength of our God, I promise and vow to the people of England to be faithful unto death in this mission to which He has called me, for the preservation of their dearest liberties and of their holiest aspirations." It was a most impressive closing of this gathering which can never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. I cannot give any report of this meeting. I must mention one thought emphasized by Mrs. Fenwick Miller. She said she took her stand "from the point of view of how this question affected the sisterhood of women. Great ladies in fine houses should realize that what is done to the weakest and humblest of their sex belongs to them."

Our own Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler Andrew made one of the most impressive of the speeches in behalf of the poor, victimized women of India, of whose oppressions under the regulation system she has heard from their own lips. She spoke as their representative, mingling indignation with pity, as she protested against the cruel slavery to which they are subjected. Dr. Bushnell also spoke with power from the same standpoint in another session. Together they are giving valuable service in England.

I feel that I have given but a bare outline of these meetings. Would that I were gifted with the power to interpret the mission of this Federation from the standpoint of the victim class of women and girls whose deliverance it seeks. I would that I could be a voice for these voiceless ones, and speak the word that needs to be said, to move the womanhood of the world to pity, and invoke the chivalry of manhood for their protection.

I wish I might interpret this great movement from the standpoint of one young woman whose tragic experience was given to us by the devoted Secretary of the Vigilance Association in London, just before we left. He assured us that it was not an unusual case in the White Slave traffic, and he has had a large experience. A young Belgian girl was decoyed from Brussels and brought to New York, and then was revealed to her the life of sin she was expected to lead; --literally forced by severe punishment. Her tears and protests were in vain. She was powerless-a stranger in a strange land. After a brief training she was sold for a certain sum of money Later she was recaptured by her former owner, a quarrel having ensued because the full payment had been evaded, taken to London and put in an evil house there. Ultimately she managed to find her way to the office of the Vigilance Association, under whose protection and help she is now living an honorable life as a dressmaker. She is only nineteen years old. This is but a glimpse of the deeds of darkness and cruelty that are being committed in our very midst;-cruelties that are possible because of conditions in society which we are all too ready to ignore, either from a feeling of powerlessness to prevent, or indifference, and unwillingness to know about.

And thus it is that fresh recruits are supplied for that large and pitiful army of degraded women who tread "the pavement of shadows," sacrificed to the sensualism which disgraces our nineteenth century civili-

zation. When we consider that few women deliberately choose that life in maturity of years, but are led or trained to it in their youth, when their characters are plastic; that the average life of one who becomes abandoned to it is but about five years, how unjust and inadequate seems the usual treatment of the difficult problem of their restoration. It needs something more than individual rescue work for them, though that should be very greatly increased. It needs a better conception of the chivalric responsibility of manhood. The class of men who prey upon woman's virtue do not lack generous kindness and heroism when the physical life, even of wayward girls, is endangered; yet they seem to have no compunction whatever in selfishly dragging them down to deeper depths of wretchednessto spiritual death-leaving them, with cowardly meanness, to bear all the responsibility. Men who will fearlessly brave the dangers of battle, and flinch not before the whizzing of bullets, will go into our courts and ignominiously plead, in excuse for their own weak subserviency to lustful sin, that they were solicited. And though the solicitation come from a young girl, very much his junior in years, many of our juries and courts hold her responsible, however much she may be wronged, and condemn not the man. This would not be possible if the public conscience demanded of him as high a standard of chivalry in protecting this girl, sinful though she be, from falling lower, as it does to be heroic on the field of battle. He knows he will have the world's plaudits if a brave soldier, but in yielding to the weakness of sensualism he knows that both law and public opinion will condone him, and his conscience is deadened accordingly.

And thus it is that, though legally the age of protection for girlhood is raised to eighteen years in some of our States, we are assured that convictions cannot be obtained for crimes of this kind.

We must first create the true ideal of chivalry before it can be actualized. When the parent in the home, the teacher in the school, the preacher in the pulpit, the editor through the Press, the Judge on the bench, and the statesman in Legislative Halls, hold up the right standard of manly chivalry, the real protection of womanhood will be attained.

CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

In view of the wide-spread suffering, physical disease, deplorable hereditary results, degradation of manhood and womanhood, and the peril to the home, society and the State involved in the prevalent immorality, we do hereby agree, with a prayerful reliance upon Divine aid, to form ourselves into an association, to be governed by the following Constitution :

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE,

ARTICLE II. The objects of this Alliance are the repression of vice, the prevention of its regulation by the State, the better protection of the young, the rescue of the fallen, the extension of the White Cross among men, and to maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.

ARTICLE III. Any person who consents to the principles of this constitution, and who contributes annually one dollar or more to its funds, may be a member of this Alliance, and shall be entitled to a vote at its meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Alliance shall be a president, vice presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and an executive committee to consist of the president, secretaries, treasurer, and not less than five additional members; and a general council of twenty or more members.

ARTICLE V. The Executive Committee shall have power to enact their own by-laws, fill any vacancy in their body, and in the offices of secretary and treasurer, direct the treasurer in the application of all moneys, and call special meetings of the Alliance. They shall make arrangements for all meetings, and make an annual written report of their doings, and of the expenditures and funds of the Alliance. ARTICLE VI. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Alliance, or, in his absence, one of the vice presidents, or, in their absence, a president pro tem. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Alliance. The recording secretary shall notify all meetings of the Alliance and of the executive committee, and shall keep records of the same. The treasurer shall receive the subscriptions, make payments at the direction of the executive committee, and present a written and audited account to accompany the annual report. The duties of members of the general council shall be advisory, in connection with the executive committee, to advise and inform the latter as to the condition, progress and needs, legislative and otherwise, of the cause of Purity in their respective States and localities.

ARTICLE VII. The annual meeting of the Alliance shall be held each year at such time and place as the executive committee may direct, when the accounts of the treasurer shall be presented, the annual report read, appropriate addresses delivered, the officers chosen, and such other business transacted as shall be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE VIII. Any Purity or White Cross association founded on the same principles may become auxiliary to this Alliance, by contributing annually the sum of five dollars to its treasury. The officers of each auxiliary association shall be ex-officio members of this organization, and shall be entitled to deliberate and vote in the transaction of its concerns.

ARTICLE IX. This constitution may be amended, at any meeting of the Alliance, by a vote of the members present, provided the amendments proposed have been previously submitted, in writing, to the executive committee.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INCORPORATION

OF

THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Vork, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12, 1848, and of the several acts amendatory thereof, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, all being of full age and all citizens of the United States, and a majority of whom are citizens of and residents within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That we have associated ourselves to form a corporation or society for benevolent purposes, and for the purpose of preventing and lessening crime and immorality.

That the name or title by which such corporation shall be known in law is The American Purity Alliance.

That the particular business and objects of such society are to desseminate literature and to hold public meetings for the purpose of securing more adequate legal protection of females under the age of twenty-one years from immoral lives, and to urge the enactment of such laws as will the more effectually secure such protection, and to urge and secure the enforcement of all laws to prevent the social evil among such females, and also to extend aid and encouragement in the way of rescuing victims of social vice and in providing them with suitable homes and employment.

That the number of Trustees to manage the said Society shall be eight. That the following are the names of the Trustees of such Society for the first year of its existence, viz:

AARON M. POWELL, of Plainfield, New Jersey. EMILY BLACKWELL, of New York City, N. Y. ANNA LUKENS, """ NAOMI L. DAVIS, " SAMUEL C. BLACKWELL, of Elmora, New Jersey. ANNA RICE POWELL, of Plainfield, New Jersey. SARAH H. EMERSON, New York City, N. Y. WILLIAM T. SABINE, D. D., New York City, N. Y.

That the principal place of transacting the business of said Society is New York City.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Eighteenth day of March, A. D. 1895.

• •	AARON M., POWFLL, (I	L. S.)
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State of New York, City and County of New York, }ss.:

On this 18th day of March, 1895, before me personally came Aaron M. Powell, Emily Blackwell, NAOMI L. DAVIS, ANNA RICE POWELL, SAMUEL C. BLACKWELL, SARAH H. EMERSON and WILLIAM T. SABINE, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same.

John R. Smith, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

State of New York, City and County of New York, Ss.:

On the 19th day of March, 1895, before me personally came ANNA LUKENS, to me known to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same.

> CHARLES G. STEPHENSON, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INCORPORATION

THE AMERICAN PURITY ALLIANCE.

I do consent to and approve of the incorporation above mentioned, and of the filing of the within certificate, and allow the same accordingly.

Dated New York, March 19, 1895.

EDWARD PATTERSON,

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